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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS

REFERENCE: STATE 190593

1. DURING ANGLO-GERMAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR CONSULTATIONS
HERE ON JULY 29 (SEPTTEL), HIBBERT BRIEFED BLECH ON HIS
LETTER TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY VEST REGARDING POSSIBLE
FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN
RESPONSE BLECH EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE FOR A FOUR-POWER
GROUP (US, UK, FRG AND FRANCE) RATHER THAN FIVE.

2. BLECH TOLD HIBBERT THE FRG DOES NOT CONSIDER THE
UNSC THE PROPER VENUE FOR HANDLING CYPRUS NOR DOES IT
WANT A GROUPING BASED ON UNSC MEMBERSHIP. HE NOTED
THAT THE FRG AND CANADA WOULD BE LEAVING THE UNSC AND
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THEIR SUCCESSORS MIGHT CLAIM THE RIGHT TO JOIN IN A
CYPRUS INITIATIVE. IN ANY CASE, INCLUDING CANADA WOULD
GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF CONTINUING THE WESTERN UNSC
GROUP AND THE FRG HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THIS.

3. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, HIBBERT SAID HE WAS
AMENABLE TO A GROUP OF FOUR BUT OWENS WANTED TO MAINTAIN

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NAMIBIA CONTACT GROUP. HIBBERT
UNDERTOOK FURTHER TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH OWENS.

4. COMMENT. IT IS NOT CLEAR TO US WHETHER FRG
OBJECTIONS TO A FIVE-POWER INITIATIVE ARE -- AS BLECH
SAID -- DIRECTED AGAINST THE APPEARANCE OF A UNSC
ROLE OR AGAINST CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. MEEHAN

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